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SUBJECT: KHMER CREDENTIAL ISSUE

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1. SUMMARY. GON DELEGATE WILL BE INSTRUCTED ABSTAIN
ON KHMER CREDENTIAL INSCRIPTION ITEM, BUT HAS DISCRETION
TO VOTE IN FAVOR SHOULD TACTICAL SITUATION REQUIRE IT.

END SUMMARY.

2. WE MADE APPROACH PER REFTTEL TO POLITICAL AFFAIRS
CHIEF IN MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION.
HE SAID INSTRUCTION TO DUTCH DEL WAS BEING PREPARED,
AND THAT WORKING LEVEL RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FOR DEL
TO VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION OF KHMER CREDENTIAL ITEM
IN GENERAL COMMITTEE OR AT MINIMUM ABSTAIN, SETTING
ASIDE IN THIS INSTANCE DUTCH ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE
THAT THEY NEVER OPPOSE INSCRIPTION. HE NOTED
MFA HAD RECEIVED ANOTHER APPROACH ON THIS MATTER
(NO DOUBT FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY, WHICH HAD EARLIER
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ADVISED US THAT THEY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.)

3. MFA, NORBART, TELEPHONED AT 1500 LOCAL TO EXPLAIN THE DUTCH WOULD INSTRUCT DELEGATION TO ABSTAIN ON QUESTION. HE EXPLAINED DUTCH POSITION AS FOLLOWS. IN PRINCIPLE, GON DOES NOT OPPOSE WISH OF ANYONE TO HAVE SOMETHING INSCRIBED, BUT IN THIS CASE BELIEVES IT BETTER TO ABSTAIN SINCE GON SEES NO REASON FOR SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM SINCE KHMER ITEM ALREADY MAY BE CONSIDERED TO APPEAR UNDER GENERAL ITEM CREDENTIALS. GON AMBASSADOR (FACK) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF HE JUDGES TACTICAL SITUATION IN NEW YORK SUCH THAT HE CANNOT ABSTAIN, HE IS AUTHORIZED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF INSCRIPTION BUT WITH EXPLANATION OF VOTE. THIS EXPLANATION WOULD BE THAT GON VOTE DOES NOT PREJUDICE CURRENT RECOGNITION OF LON NOL GOVERNMENT WHICH IT CONSIDERS LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF KHMER REPUBLIC. ASKED WHAT SORT OF TACTICAL SITUATION MIGHT REQUIRE THIS TYPE OF VOTE, NORBART SAID THAT HE COULD VISUALIZE CASE WHERE MANY NATIONS WOULD UPBraid DUTCH FOR GOING BACK ON LONG ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE.

4. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, WORKING LEVEL HAS BEEN OVER- RULED WITHIN MINISTRY, PROBABLY BY STATE SECRETARY KOOYMANS. GON VOTE NOW HINGES ON AMBASSADOR FACK'S ASSESSMENT TACTICAL SITUATION. END COMMENT.
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